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SENATOR SCHMIT: In other words, you would not see any reason for denying my request to remove bills from the consent calendar even though I had not fulfilled the requirement of the Speaker that I submit that request prior to the start of the session. Is that right?

CLERK: The way we have been operating this morning is that we will accept them as they come in, Senator, yes, sir.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well I think that is a very reasonable assumption because it is very difficult for us to recognize. I just want to point out here, gentlemen, that we are here to expedite the session. Those of you who wish to do so can of course, cooperate. If you choose to use the system which we have set up to attempt to remove a bill, that is fine. I have no objection to that. I just hope that if any other member chooses to do the same way that we would follow the same system, that you extend the same courtesy to me that I am willing to extend to you and I have no objection because I certainly want to expedite the session and I certainly agree that the bill probably needs more thorough discussion than it can have in fifteen minutes, but I would hope that if it should come, I would have no objection from my three good friends who have requested that the bill be removed. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I have two lights on, Senator Beutler and Senator Chambers. Do you want to...? Okay, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, just in response to what Senator Schmit said and on this whole issue of the consent calendar since that was gently discussed here. I don't have a bill on consent calendar. I don't have a priority bill. I have done all I can to help expedite matters but sometimes you don't catch a bill until the last minute and realize that you do not want it on there but what I am going to do, like Senator Schmit, if I can't get three signers, I am going to offer a motion to kill the bill. The introducer gets ten minutes to open and five minutes to close so there is no way anybody can stop me by myself from getting any bill off that list that I want and I would make that clear to the other senators. So if we have reached the point of playing power politics I will play with anybody and I will unless you suspend whatever rule we are operating under and if you do that, there is no rule at all even in terms of the amount of debate I presume. So there is no way that there can be a win. So I think as Senator Schmit indicated, cooperation where cooperation is possible but that should occur only on bills that you have no objection to. I have helped to get at least three off and I have told others. Any bill anybody wants to get off come